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# Message:

Re: Application number 10/823,353 "Same plane multiple thermoelectric mounting system"

#### Examiner Mowla:

Thank you for agreeing to an interview in this case. I am also new to this file, and will appreciate talking with you about it.

## I would like to discuss:

- 1. Whether the § 112 rejection based on the term "flexibly coupled" may be overcome by amending the claims to say "compliantly coupled". Paragraph 10 describes couplings that "allow for stack mechanical tolerance build up to be automatically compensated and removed while providing automatic compensation for thermal expansion and contraction."
- 2. Paragraph 10 as support for both a "plurality of first thermal modules" and a "plurality of second thermal modules". Paragraph 10 indicates that "[a]ny number of elements can be added to the stack by mounting the new element to the fluid input port number 6 and output fluid port number 4."
- 3. The term "actively variable force" in claim 11. The Office Action objects to "actively viable force" (not "variable").

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- 4. Paragraph 4 as support for the "two degrees of freedom" and "three degrees of freedom" limitations in claims 14 and 15.
- 5. Whether the Bass reference shows both a plurality of first thermal modules and a plurality of second thermal modules.
- 6. Possible claim amendments to further distinguish over Bass.

I would be available for a telephone call any time on Wednesday, March 18. I am in the Mountain time zone. Please let me know a time that would be convenient for you.

Thank you, and best regards,

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